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In conformity with a resolution adopted in October, 1848, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, convened in Hagerstown, on the evening of the 18th of October, 1849. At 7 o'clock, the annual Synodical sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, of Baltimore.

On Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, after singing, and prayer by the President, the roll was called, and the following brethren were named as members of the Synod:

	CLERGYMEN.	LAY-DELEGATES.	RESIDENCE.
1	Rev. J. D. KURTZ, D. D.,*		Baltimore, Md.
2	" B. KURTZ, D D.,		" "
3	" J. WINTER,		
4	" M. WACHTER,	JOS. EICHELBERGER,	Woodsboro', Md.
5	" J. G. MORRIS, D. D.,	J. WERDEBAUGH,	Baltimore, Md.
6	" S. W. HARKEY,	JACOB KELLER,	Frederick, Md.
7	" D. J. HAUER,	THOMAS MAUGHT,	Jefferson, Md.
8	" C. STARTZMAN,	WM. SLATER,	Lovettsville, Va.
9	" S. SENTMAN,	DAVID BUFFINGTON,	Taneytown, Md.
10	" J. J. REIMENSNYDER,	FREDERICK BELL,	Smithsburg, Md.
11	" F. W. CONRAD,	GEORGE SHRYOCK,	Hagerstown, Md.
12	" P. WILLARD,*		

*Absent and excused.

	CLERGYMEN.	LAY-DELEGATES.	RESIDENCE.
13	" H. L. BAUGHER, D. D.,	Prof. M. L. STOEVER,	Gettysburg, Pa.
14	" C. LEPLEY,		Frostburg, Md.
15	" C. WEYL,		Baltimore, Md.
16	" WM. HUNT,	A. HOGGMIRE,	Sharpsburg, Md.
17	" C. CULLER,	GEORGE STRAUSS,	Boonsboro', Md.
18	" S. D. FINKLE,		Washington, D. C.
19	" B. APPLEBY,*		Baltimore, Md.
20	" J. HECK,	DAVID PIPER,	Waynesboro', Pa.
21	" D. F. BITTLE,	JOHN YOUNG,	Middletown, Md.
22	" J. A. SEISS,	A. M. L. BUSH,	Cumberland, Md.
23	" P. RIZER,	JOHN DAVIS,	" "
24	" G. H. BRANDAU,		Baltimore, Md.
25	" J. E. GRAEFF,*	JOHN MYERS,	Washington, D. C.
26	" P. ANSTATT,		Baltimore, Md.
27	" C. H. EWING,	JOHN C. BRIDGES,	" "
28	" G. J. MARTZ,*		Missionary to India.
29	" NIXDORF,		

LICENTIATE.

30	Rev. J. P. SMELTZER,	M. EICHELBERGER,	Harper's Ferry, Va.

LICENTIATES ADMITTED THIS SESSION.

31	Rev. C. BROCKMAN,	Catonsville, Md.
32	" J. G. BUTLER,	Washington, D. C.
33	" R. A. FINK,	

ADVISORY MEMBERS ADMITTED DURING THE SESSION.

Rev. A. HEIGHT, of the West Pennsylvania Synod.
" C. KUNKLE, " " "
" Mr. MILLER, " " "
" " HECK, " " "
" S. S. ROZEL, of the Methodist Episcopal church.
" W. HAUER, of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.
" B. M. SCHMUCKER, of the Synod of Virginia.
" M. KIEFER, of the German Reformed church.
" Mr. APPLE, " " "

Application having been made by the new German Lutheran congregation of Catonsville, Baltimore county, Md., for admission into connection with this Synod, they were, upon motion, unanimously received.

It was also moved and *Resolved*, as brother Nixdorf failed to receive the certificate of dismission from this body, forwarded to

*Absent and excused.

him by the President, and is now present, that he is still entitled to the rights and privileges of a member of this Synod.

The Synod being thus organized, the President read his report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Preserved by the good providence of God through another year, we are permitted once more to assemble as a Synod. This is a season of mutual gratulation; for after so long a separation we are glad to meet again in health, to exchange salutations, and to sit once more in fraternal counsel in order to deliberate on the high interests of our Lutheran Zion and adopt measures to "lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes." It also furnishes special grounds of gratitude to the God of mercy. For our ranks have not been thinned by death during the past year. Though it has been a period of unwonted sickness and mortality, and though "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday," have carried away their thousands, yet "it has not come nigh us;" not one of our number is missing. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!"

REVIVALS.

The past Synodical year, we regret to remark, has not been distinguished by so many seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, as some former years; yet it has not been wholly barren of revivals. Some of our churches have been favored with signal visitations of divine grace; in all of them good will and harmony prevail, and we have reason to believe that the cause of vital godliness is progressing throughout our limits.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Shortly after the close of last Synod, the Rev. L. Rizer announced his desire to take charge of the English Lutheran church in Lancaster, Ohio, and asked for his dismission from this body in order to join the Miami Synod. His request was complied with.

In conformity to a resolution of the Ministerium, I appointed a special meeting of that body at Frederick, on the 28th of November, on which occasion the Rev. G. J. Martz was ordained, and solemnly set apart for our Lutheran Mission in India. I gave him a certificate of ordination with the seal of this Synod attached. He embarked at Boston for India, in the month of April last, and by this time, it is hoped, has safely reached the place of his destination.

The Rev. Messrs. C. P. Krauth, F. B. Benedict, and S. L. Harkey, late members of this Synod, have removed from our bounds, the first to Winchester, Va., the second to Bedford, Pa., and the third to Newville, Pa., and have all, at their own request, been honorably dismissed from our Synod.

The Rev. P. Willard has resigned his pastorate at Lovettsville, Va., to become travelling agent of the Gettysburg Alumni Association. His place in Virginia, has been supplied by the Rev. C. Startzman, late of Williamsport.

Brother Bittle informed me in May last, that on account of his numerous labors, he had been obliged to resign one of his churches and confine his services exclusively to his Middletown congregation. As in consequence of this act his mountain-church became destitute and somewhat distracted, he suggested to me to pay them a visit or appoint some brother to do so in order to administer the holy Supper and endeavor to restore harmony, and have the church supplied. As the church itself made no application to me, it did not appear to me to be my duty to interfere or to take any action on the subject. I have since learned that this church is still without a regular pastor.

Some time in April last, brother Hunt resigned St. Paul's church in Loudon, Va., and advised them, agreeably to the wish of Synod, to attach themselves to our Weverton Missionary station. I also gave them the same counsel in an official letter, as this measure seemed necessary in order to strengthen the Weverton station. But they declined, and I understand, now again belong to the Loudon pastorate. Perhaps, after all, this is the best disposition of this matter.

I regret to state, that the Rev. Mr. Graeff has been compelled by ill health to resign his pastorate at Washington city. As it was of great importance that his place should be speedily supplied, brother Butler of Gettysburg Seminary, was called by the congregation, a little less than three months since. Thus far he has labored with great acceptance and success, and as the congregation are anxious to have him as their permanent pastor, he is now an applicant for examination and admission into this Synod, and is herewith recommended.

VACANCIES.

I learn that within the last few weeks the Rev. P. Rizer has resigned his German church in Cumberland, with a view to take charge of the Lutheran church in Dayton, Ohio. We cannot but regret the withdrawal of this brother, as his labors were greatly blessed in building up the

German church in Cumberland. But as German preaching alone is required there, some other brother may suit equally well, while in Dayton his field of labor will be enlarged, and his talent for officiating in the English language will not be buried. He will carry with him the confidence of the Synod and the good wishes of all his brethren. It is of great importance that the station he leaves, should be speedily and efficiently supplied. I understand that a temporary supply is already secured, and I cannot forbear expressing the hope that a permanent pastor, in every respect equal to the demands of the interesting station, may be soon located there.

The Westminster station has become vacant by the resignation of brother C. Reimensnyder, and that of Williamsport by the removal to Loudon, Va., of brother C. Startzman. The mountain-church in Frederick county, lately under the care of brother Bittle, is also as yet unsupplied. Our churches generally suffer, and the cause of vital piety languishes, in the absence of pastoral service. I therefore earnestly recommend all these churches to the special attention of Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 5th of May, the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, who had become pastor of the Martinsburg (Va.) charge, gave me notice of the intention of that charge to dissolve its connection with this Synod. "While personal preference would have inclined them to remain in connection with our body, a sense of duty constrained them by an almost unanimous vote to unite with the Synod of Virginia."

I would remind the Synod of the duty of electing delegates at this session to the next General Synod, to be held in Charleston, S. C. As our body comprehends upwards of thirty clerical members, we are entitled to four clerical and the same number of lay-representatives.

The seal of Synod and Ministerium, originally prepared when a large portion of Virginia was included within our limits, has been altered to suit our present title.

Printed copies of proceedings have been received from the following Synods, all which will be laid before you, viz: Hartwick Synod, Synod of Miami, Synod of the South West, Alleghany Synod, Tennessee Synod, Synod of North Carolina, Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, Olive Branch Synod, Frankean Synod, Synod of Indiana, Synod of Indianapolis, and Synod of New York.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministerium, I furnished the Rev. Mr. Graeff with a certificate of ordination, and S. L. Harkey with a certificate of licensure.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

As by a resolution of last Synod, the cause of beneficiary Education, and Home and Foreign Missions was made a constituent part of our regular Synodical business, it becomes my duty, as chairman of the executive committee of Synod, to report briefly on these subjects.

EDUCATION.

The Synod will be gratified to learn, that the Parent Education Society is now aiding about *thirty* beneficiaries; though we must all admit that the wants of the church call for more than triple that number, and that her pecuniary ability is more than sufficient to furnish the requisite means of support.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missionary Society has now been in operation almost four years, and though its pecuniary means have been quite limited, its usefulness, as well in furnishing gospel-ordinances to the destitute as in affording aid to needy brethren, has been extensive and efficient. Perhaps no enterprise in the church has accomplished more good, and that too in a greater variety of ways, in proportion to the amount of funds disbursed. During the first year or two its means were too small to effect much; but growing in favor, its ability and consequent efficiency, has been gradually increasing; and should it continue to find favor, it promises to become one of our most effective instrumentalities.

Since its organization it has aided 27 missionaries. At present it has 16 on its list, neither of whom receives more than $100 a year, and many not that much, though in most cases the Society has voted as much as was asked. Of the 16 now receiving partial support, 2 are laboring in Pennsylvania, 5 in Ohio, 4 in Illinois, 3 in Indiana, and 2 in Maryland.

There is another application for aid now before the Society; but by the 1st of January ensuing, the term of some 5 or 6 will expire.

It affords me pleasure to state, that our missionary station at Weverton, under the care of brother Smeltzer, is in a promising condition. Brother S. is laboring there with decided acceptance to the people and manifest success. Harper's Ferry has been connected with the station, where efforts are now being made to erect a commodious and comfortable place of worship, which will soon be commenced. A church had been previously built in Weverton, and with a little more aid from our Home Missionary Society, this pastorate will be permanently established, and be able not only to sustain itself, but also to help us to support all the other benevolent operations of the church. This is one among many

evidences of the excellent working of this Association. The funds contributed to it are comparatively inconsiderable, and the benefits resulting to our Lutheran Zion, the cause of Christ in general, and to immortal souls, are beyond all computation.

The amount of funds received from the churches in aid of this Society, from the 1st of May, 1848, to the 1st of May, 1849, was - - - - - - - - -	$746 07
Since the 1st of May last until the 11th September, - -	331 96
Making the receipts during 16 months, - - -	$1,078 03
During the same period there has been disbursed, - -	1,398 50
Being an excess beyond what was received of - -	320 47
But as there had been a balance in the treasury on the 1st May, 1848, of - - - - - - - - -	427 41¼
There was still on the 11th of September last a balance in favor of the Society of - - - - - -	$106 94

We recommend the interests of this Society to the earnest prayers and liberality of all our churches, and the special efforts of our ministers.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is impossible for me to state the amount of money contributed by this Synod to the foreign cause during the past year. The only definite information I can give is, that brother Martz in his final settlement, reported as collected $106 in money, and clothing valued at $48. Total $154. Previously he had paid over to the Treasurer about $100, a portion of which, however, was collected in Pennsylvania.

As to the general state of our Mission in India, I would remark, that Providence seems to have smiled upon us. The health of our Missionaries has been very good, though I regret to add, that brother Gunn has recently met with a bereavement in the removal of his youngest child. Their labors have been attended with encouraging success, and the Lord has surrounded them with christian friends in India, who aid them with their prayers, counsels, efforts and money. Seldom has a Mission in its early stage, been placed under more favorable auspices. The schools in Guntoor are in a flourishing condition. Brothers Gunn and Martz at present labor in Guntoor. The latter will probably after a short time be sent to Gurjal. At the latter place brother Heyer labors. At his first visit 22 were baptized. We can say at least, that we have by this time

an organized church and a house of worship with upwards of 30 members in the Palnaud.

The gross income last year was $1897 22, including $200 from the American Tract Society, and exclusive of the salary of brother Heyer, who is supported by the Pennsylvania Synod, which, if added, would make the sum total $2497 22, being $86 82 more than current expenses.

Dr. Strobel, the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, to whom I am indebted for these particulars, has furnished the following estimate of expenses for the current year:

Salary of brother Gunn, - - - -	$666 00	
" " Martz, - - - -	400 00	
" " Heyer, paid by the Pennsylvania Synod, - - - - - -	600 00	
Expense of schools, catechets, books, repairs of buildings, &c. &c., say - - - -	600 00	
Contingent expenses, - - - - -	100 00	
		$2,366 00

This is not as much as last year's expenses, because in that year the costs of out-fit and passage of brother Martz ($500) were included. To keep up the interest of our Mission, enlarge its usefulness and give it permanency, we ought to be prepared to send out two more laborers by the time the next General Synod meets. I learn that New York is prepared to pay the expenses of brother Gunn and family; Pennsylvania Synod does the same in regard to brother Heyer. Is the Maryland Synod prepared to pledge itself for brother Martz? This is perhaps the best way to reach the point. From all I have seen, and all I know, I am inclined to the opinion, that if we liberally support the Foreign and Home Missionary causes, every other benevolent enterprize of the church will keep pace with them.

I cannot close without suggesting the importance of attending to all the business of Synod with ample deliberation, bestowing upon it all the time that may be requisite. Heretofore we have sometimes been too anxious to dispatch our business in the shortest possible space of time in order to return home at the earliest possible period. This feeling has led us to over-tax our physical strength by prolonging our sessions to an improper duration, and to meet and sit late at night, which some of our brethren are not able to do without serious injury to their health. For these and other reasons I recommend that we take ample time to transact all our business, and endeavor also to make our Synodical meetings a

season of refreshment to ourselves, and of spiritual instruction and benefit to the people among whom we sojourn, so that our intercourse with them may be a blessing to them, and we may carry home with us revived spirits and strength, and be prepared to re-engage in our labors at home with fresh encouragement and energy.

CONCLUSION.

The term for which I was elected president having expired, I now return into your hands the temporary power with which your votes invested me, with my thanks for this mark of confidence, and especially for the kind forbearance that you have exercised towards my numerous imperfections.

May Jesus Christ, the great and only head of his church, dwell in the midst of us and reign without a rival in our hearts; may his Holy Spirit enlighten and direct us in all our deliberations, pity our many infirmities, and overrule all our proceedings and decisions to the glory of his name, and the salvation of immortal souls. B. KURTZ, *President.*

This report was accepted and laid upon the table to be dealt with as other papers intended for the Synod.

Officers for the ensuing year were now balloted for, when the following brethren were found to be elected:

President.—Rev. S. SENTMAN, of Taneytown, Md.
Secretary, " J. A. SEISS, of Cumberland, Md.
Treasurer, " D. F. BITTLE, of Middletown, Md.

Papers intended for the Synod were now handed in and referred to committees, as follows:

First Committee.—Revs. Harkey, Finkle, and Mr. M. Eichelberger.

Second Committee.—Revs. Morris, Baugher, and Mr. Bush.

Third Committee.—Revs. Startzman, Reimensnyder, and Mr. Werdebaugh.

Fourth Committee.—Revs. Lepley, Weyl, and Mr. Keller.

Fifth Committee.—Revs. Bittle, Culler, and Mr. Buffington.

Sixth Committee.—Revs. Rizer, Ewing, and Mr. Bridges.

Seventh Committee.—Revs. Anstatt, Smeltzer, and Mr. Krumrine.

Eighth Committee.—Revs. Weyl, Brandau, and Kaempfer.

Ninth Committee.—Messrs. Werdebaugh and Myers.

Tenth Committee.—Revs. Wachter, Finkle, and Prof. Stoever.

Eleventh Committee.—Revs. Conrad, Baugher, and Reimensnyder.

Twelfth Committee.—Revs. Kurtz, Morris, Baugher and Bittle.

Thirteenth Committee.—Revs. Baugher, Reimensnyder, Bittle, and Messrs. Stoever, Bush and Buffington.

Dr. Morris gave notice that he would propose at a suitable time sundry resolutions which he read for the information of the Synod.

Journals and sermons of licentiates were now called for, and referred to Committee No. 11, to be examined and reported on.

Applications for Licensure.

Messrs. R. A. Fink and J. G. Butler, late of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and C. Brockman, of Catonsville, Md., were proposed as candidates for licensure, and referred to Committee No. 12 for examination.

The Synod now adjourned to meet again at 2½ o'clock.

Prayer by brother Baugher.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Afternoon, 2½ *o'clock.*

The Synod opened with prayer by brother Height.

Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was now presented and referred to Committee No. 9 to be audited.

Reports of Committees.

Committee No. 4, reported as follows:

Committee No. 4 respectfully report, that the paper in their hands is a communication from the Rev. B. Appleby of Baltimore, urging as his reason for absence from the Synod the "peculiar nature of his business." He also sends $5 to pay his arrearages to the Education and Missionary Societies, and the balance, if any, to be given to the cause of Beneficiary Education. In regard to the validity of the excuse of brother A. your committee recommend to the Synod to determine.

C. LEPLEY,
C. WEYL,
JACOB KELLER.

The report was received and adopted, and the excuse of brother Appleby was sustained.

Committee No. 2 reported, and the report was taken up and adopted *seriatim:*

The Committee No. 2, to which was referred the proceedings of the last Synod, report the following items as claiming our attention at this meeting:

1. A report will be expected from the committee appointed to proceed to Loudon county, Va., to investigate the difficulties and restore peace and harmony between the church there and their pastor.

Mr. Harkey in response presented a report in behalf of the committee on the Loudon county difficulty, which, together with the whole affair was referred to Committee No. 13, for further examination.

2. A report will be expected from the President who was instructed to admonish certain brethren who were absent for three successive years.

Dr. Kurtz responded that he had attended to his duty.

3. A report will be expected from Dr. Morris who was appointed to preach the sermon at the ordination of Mr. Martz, and also one from brother Bittle who was appointed to address the people on the same occasion in behalf of the funds of the Foreign Missionary Society.

Dr. Morris replied that he had preached as requested. Brother Bittle stated that the press of multifarious engagements prevented his attendance as the Synod had directed.

4. A report will be expected from the committee appointed to examine the Liturgy. Committee—Morris, Harkey, Conrad, Seiss, and Sentman.

Dr. Morris replied in behalf of the committee that he expected to be able to present a report before the close of the Synod.

5. A report will also be expected from the committee appointed to enquire into the nature and objects of the Lutheran Pastor's Fund, and on what conditions persons become entitled to its benefactions. Committee—Harkey, Sentman, and Conrad.

Mr. Harkey replied that he expected subsequently to present a report which was in progress of preparation.

6. A report will be expected from Mr. Rizer who was our delegate to the Synod of Virginia; one from Mr. Morris, our delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania; one from Mr. Sentman, our delegate to the West Pennsylvania Synod; one from Mr. Lepley, delegate to Alleghany Synod, and one from Mr. Conrad, delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod.

Brother Rizer replied that he was prevented by other important engagements from attending as appointed.

Dr. Morris replied that he had performed his duty, and that he was very fraternally received by the brethren of the Pennsylvania Synod.

Brother Sentman replied that he was prevented by indisposition from meeting with the Synod referred to in connection with his name, but wrote expressing the good wishes of our brethren in its behalf.

Brother Lepley replied that he was unable to attend to the appointment assigned him, for the reason that the Alleghany Synod holds its session at the same time of the Synod of Maryland.

Brother Conrad replied that he also was unable to meet with the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

7. The Constitution printed in the minutes was adopted only for one year, but as a resolution relative to its final adoption is on the table, the committee would refer the Synod to it.

JOHN G. MORRIS,
H. L. BAUGHER,
A. M. L. BUSH.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Committee No. 9 reported as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, report, that they have examined the same and find all correct. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer $142.

J. WERDEBAUGH,
JOHN MYERS.

Report accepted and adopted.

Committee No. 3 reported:

One paper in the hands of your committee is a letter from Rev. J. P. Cline, delegate from the Synod of Virginia to this body. He regrets his inability to be with us, and assures us of the fraternal affection of the Synod to which he belongs.

Resolved, That it would have afforded us great pleasure to see brother Cline at our Synod, that we regret his absence, and assure him, and the Synod of Virginia, of our fraternal regards.

Another paper in the hands of your committee is a letter from Rev. P. Willard, in which he gives his engagements as agent of the Alumni Association as the cause of his absence from the present meeting of the Synod, and begs to be excused.

Resolved, That in view of the importance of the work in which brother Willard is engaged, the loss of time and inconvenience to which his coming to the Synod would subject him, he be excused.

JOHN J. REIMENSNYDER,
C. STARTZMAN,
J. WERDEBAUGH.

Accepted and adopted.

Committee No. 5 reported:

The documents placed in our hands, are the proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee. The officers of this Synod are:

Rev. A. HINKLE, *President.*
" J. R. MOSER, *Secretary.*
" A. EFIRD, *Treasurer.*

This Synod, considering itself for many years without any connection with the main part of the Lutheran church, has lately had interesting correspondence with the neighboring Synods of Western Virginia and North Carolina, in regard to a fraternal interchange of delegates, and a closer union upon the basis of the Symbolical Books of our church. Your committee are pleased with this spirit, and consider it a token for good.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BITTLE,
C. CULLER,
D. BUFFINGTON.

Accepted and adopted.

Committee No. 6 reported:

We have examined the papers assigned us consisting of 1st. "The minutes of the 25th meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States, convened at Sandy Run, Lexington District, November 18th, 1848;" and 2nd: "Proceedings of a convention of the Olive Branch Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the State of Indiana, convened in the English Lutheran church, Indianopolis, October 28th, 1848, with an appendix containing the constitution of the same."

In regard to the first named Synod, your committee has been pleased with the sound judgment and liberality of our southern brethren in reference to their Seminary, as well as with the zeal and fraternal spirit that seem to characterize all their proceedings.

In regard to the latter Synod your committee remark, that it consists of only 6 ministers, and although few in number it appears likewise to be animated with the proper spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

P. RIZER,
C. H. EWING,
J. C. BRIDGES.

Accepted and adopted.

at a distance from the place where the marriage is to be solemnized, and are therefore under the necessity of refusing to solemnize such marriages or expose themselves to imminent danger; and inasmuch as the responsibility which in this State is *imposed* on ministers, in Virginia, Kentucky and other States, rests upon the clerk who issues the marriage license; and inasmuch as the law thus imposing the responsibility upon ministers is a palpable contradiction to the license issued by the clerk; therefore

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to be sent to the next Legislature of this State, asking for a repeal of so much of the present law on marriages as subjects ministers of the gospel, who solemnize marriages of persons under age to penalty when they are in possession of a license from the clerk of the country authorizing them to solemnize such marriages.

Resolved, That a copy of such memorial, when prepared, be given to every minister belonging to this Synod in the State of Maryland, whose duty it shall be to have it signed as numerously as possible, and to send it without delay to Annapolis, where the next Legislature will convene.

J. J. Reimensnyder, D. F. Bittle, and J. A. Seiss, were appointed the committee.

The Synod now adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Anstatt.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with prayer by brother W. Hauer.

Proceedings of the preceding session were read and approved.

The brethren were now called on in turn, and handed in the following parochial reports:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Admissions from Lutheran churches.	Dismissions to Lutheran churches.	Admissions from other denominations.	Excommunications.	Deaths. Infants.	Deaths. Adults.	Sunday Schools. Union.	Sunday Schools. Lutheran.	Sunday Schools. Teachers.	Sunday Schools. Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	Other Meetings.	Contributions. Synod.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local Objects.	External Objects.	LOCATIONS.
Rev. M. Wachter, - -	6	107	3	67	700	4		3		11	29	6				5		$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$2 25	$310 00	$40 00	Woodsboro', Md.
" J. G. Morris, D. D., -	1	37	2	12	220	10				4	6	2		30	260	1	1	8 00	100 00	93 00	30 00	900 00	130 00	Baltimore, Md.
" S. W. Harkey, - -	1	68		24	360	19	6		1	9	12		2	40	300	4	3	5 00	100 00	75 00	75 00	1000 00	100 00	Frederick, Md.
" D. J. Hauer, - -	4	50	2	6	345	10				12	8	3	2	40	245	8		3 00	34 75			50 00	100 00	Jefferson, Md.
" C. Startzman, - -	2	56	7	34	475			1	2	15	7	3	1	41	210	3		5 00	55 00					Lovettsville, Va.
" S. Sentman, - -	3	67		27	884	3	5			2	13	7						5 00	70 00	10 00	6 00			Taneytown, Md.
" J. J. Reimensnyder, -	4	31	5	29	400					17	17	3		40		1		3 00	40 00				100 00	Smithsburg, Md.
" F. W. Conrad, - -	1	60	5	30	512	24	13		2	19	5	2	1	75	450	2	2	5 00	140 00	40 00	80 00	200 00	50 00	Hagerstown, Md.
" H. L. Baugher, D. D., -	1	8		15	120	9	2	4		1	2		1	12	100	1		5 00	60 00		50 00		100 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
" C. Lepley, - -	2	40		9	200			4		3	1	3		30	150	4		2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	500 00		Frostburg, Md.
" C. Weyl, - - -	1	345		61	900					60	30		1	15	100	1	1			20 68	11 14	500 00		Baltimore, Md.
" W. Hunt, - - -	3	22	22	48	191	3	20			3	1	1	2			3		5 00	4 50	4 50				Sharpsburg, Md.
" C. Culler, - - -	5	32	6	18	365	3	2		2	14	11	3		47	255	4	2	3 00	50 00	15 00	13 00	1200 00	80 00	Boonsboro', Md.
" S. D. Finkle, - -	1	57		7	123					15	12		1	40						5 00				Washington, D. C.
" J. Heck, - - -	3	26	4	20	424		5			8	6	1	3	60	250	4		5 00						Waynesboro', Pa.
" D. F. Bittle, - -	1	81	1	30	400	3	7		7	21	12	4	2	80	350	5	1	5 00	100 00	20 00	20 00		245 00	Middletown, Md.
" J. A. Seiss, - - -	1	21	1	10	200	6					2		1			1	1	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	700 00	30 00	Cumberland, Md.
" P. Rizer, - - -	3	80	2	21	350						19	1												Cumberland, Md.
" G. H. Brandau, - -	2	135		16	466	60				21	9		1	10	50		1	1 00	6 00	7 00		100 00		Baltimore, Md.
" P. Anstadt, - -	1	13		8	94	5	2	3		2			1	30	250	4						120 00	10 00	Baltimore, Md.
" C. H. Ewing, - -	1	12		16	100	20		4		2			1	20	150	2							250 00	Baltimore, Md.
" J. Kaempfer, - -	5	116	2	55	555					27	13	1	1			3	5							Manchester, Md.
" J. P. Smeltzer, - -	3	22	2	3	63		1					2		25	125	1	2	2 00		9 00	1 00	800 00		Harpersferry, Va.
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*Charges vacant, and a few items of the reports of the preceding year, inserted to fill out the statistics.

The remarks of the brethren respecting the state of religion in their churches, given in connection with their parochial reports, were deeply interesting to the large assembly who listened to them. They furnished a strong testimony to the power of the preached gospel. Most of the brethren expressed themselves greatly encouraged by what the Lord had done for them in the past year. Several refreshing revivals were reported. A few instances of conversion of peculiar interest were related. And some noble examples of benevolence and christian activity were presented. God certainly has done great things for us; and whilst we rejoice in His mercies, we have reason to redouble our exertions to hasten the coming of his kingdom. "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God will we set up our banners."

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet again for business at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by brother Hunt.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

The Synod convened and was opened with prayer by brother Kaempfer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Committee No. 13 reported:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the difficulty of the churches in Loudon county, Va., beg leave to report:

1st. That, from the information which they now possess, the difficulty had been adjusted before the last meeting of the Synod, and therefore the appointment of the committee was unnecessary.

2d. In reference to the inquiry of the church council of the New Jerusalem church, whether the action of the chairman of the committee appointed at the last Synod was in order, it is our opinion that the Synod has no jurisdiction in the matter, because the committee had no meeting as such, and therefore the acts of the chairman were only individual acts. By this opinion we do not intend to inculpate either the chairman of the committee or any member of the Loudon charge.

Finally, we recommend that this whole subject be now dismissed, and that

all the parties interested endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, cultivating holiness in the fear of the Lord.

H. L. BAUGHER,
D. F. BITTLE,
J. J. REIMENSNYDER,
M. L. STOEVER,
D. BUFFINGTON,
A. M. L. BUSH.

The report was received and adopted.

Committee No. 7 reported:

Committee No. 7 respectfully report, that the documents put into their hands consist of *first*, the minutes of the Synod of New York, and *second*, the minutes of the Frankean Synod.

These documents contain nothing claiming the action of this Synod. The brethren composing these Synods appear to be actively engaged in the cause of the Master, and the blessing of God is evidently resting upon their efforts to advance the Redeemer's kingdom.

P. ANSTATT,
J. P. SMELTZER,
WM. KRUMRINE.

Received and adopted.

The committee appointed to report a memorial to be presented to the next Convention of the Legislature of Maryland, praying for a modification of the present law on marriages, reported that they had attended to their duty, and submitted the following:

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of Maryland:—

The memorial of the undersigned citizens of ——— county, respectfully represents:—

That they have long regarded as a grievance the statute of this State imposing a fine upon clergymen marrying persons under age without the assent of their parents and guardians.

Your petitioners conceive that the law exacts from them almost an impossibility—that clergymen have no means of ascertaining whether applicants for marriage are of lawful age or not; nor have they an opportunity of obtaining the assent of parents or guardians, who may reside at places remote from where the espousals are solemnized, and perhaps it may not be known whether the parties have parents or guardians to apply to,—that under such circumstances, the alternative is presented of declining to perform the ceremony, or of incurring the risk of violating the law, and of the heavy penalty it imposes.

Your petitioners beg leave to suggest to your Honorable body that, by the laws of sister States, this matter is so regulated that the issuing of a license by the Clerk of the Court is all the authority that is necessary to clothe the clergyman with full power to perform the ceremony—that your petitioners conceive that all necessary enquiries should be made by the Clerk before granting a license, and that to him proofs of the lawful age of the persons to be married should be furnished by the parties applying for a license. Your petitioners therefore pray that the statute aforesaid may be repealed, or so modified as to remove all penalties from clergymen who may marry persons under age, where a license has been previously obtained, authorising them so to do.

The report was adopted, and Revs. J. J. Reimensnyder and F. W. Conrad, were appointed a committee to have 200 copies of the memorial printed for distribution.

Committee No. 1 reported:

The committee to whom the President's address was referred, would respectfully state, that this is an able and very interesting document, and we regard the thanks of the whole Synod as due to the President for the full and satisfactory manner in which he has reported to us. It is somewhat of a new feature in our mode of doing business, to dispense with separate education and missionary societies, and introduce these subjects as part of our regular synodical transactions, and making it the duty of the President to bring the great cause of Beneficiary Education and Home and Foreign Missions before us in his annual address. But we are fully satisfied of the wisdom and beneficial tendency of this plan, and hope it will be fully and rigidly carried out in future by all our Presidents. We propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the different parts of the President's report referring to Beneficiary Education, Home and Foreign Missions, be read before the Synod when these subjects respectively are called up in the regular order of our business.

2. *Resolved*, That the report on Home Missions by Rev. Dr. Morris, Corresponding Secretary, placed in the hands of your committee, be also read in Synod, when that subject is brought up.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's report as refers to vacant congregations be read, when that subject is brought up in the Synod.

In regard to difficulties and distractions occuring in churches becoming vacant, and to congregations who are not immediately supplied upon the resignation or removal of a pastor, your committee would call attention to a resolution passed by this Synod in 1845, and found on page 19 of the minutes of that year. The resolution is in these words: "*Resolved*, That the officers of the Synod constitute a committee, who may be consulted and give advice

to vacant congregations, when anxious to be supplied with pastors." Instead of this, your committee propose that the following article be introduced into the Constitution under the head of the duties of the President: "Whenever a minister of this Synod resigns his charge, it shall be his duty immediately to inform the President of the fact, who shall consider such charge as under his supervision and care until it is again supplied with a pastor, and should it remain unsupplied for more than three months, he shall aid the members in obtaining a suitable minister. The same duty shall devolve upon him in case of a vacancy occurring from the death of a pastor."

We recommend that the President's report be published, as usual, with the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S W. HARKEY,
S. D. FINKLE,
MARTIN EICHELBERGER.

The report was received, and after discussion was adopted, except that item referring to "difficulties and distractions occurring in churches becoming vacant," which was referred to the committee on the Constitution, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Morris, Dr. Baugher, and Mr. Sentman.

The Synod now adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Smeltzer.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

The Synod convened and was opened with prayer by brother Lepley.

The proceedings of the previous session were read and approved.

Beneficiary Education.

The subject of Beneficiary Education was now taken up, and that part of the President's report relating to it was read.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the main reason why more is not done among us in the cause of Home and Foreign Missions is for want of well qualified ministers, and therefore we are called on not only to continue, but to redouble our efforts in the cause of Beneficiary Education.

2. *Resolved*, That $100 of the present surplus funds in the hands

of the Treasurer of our Synod be paid over to the Treasurer of the Parent Education Society.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every pastoral district, and of every congregation, to aid in this work, and that a committee be appointed by the Synod, whose necessary expenses shall be paid out of the funds collected, to assist any of the brethren who may be willing to accept of such assistance, in making their annual collections for Education and Missions.

Revs. Harkey, Conrad and Dr. Morris, were appointed the committee.

4. *Resolved*, That the roll of ministers be called over, that we may ascertain what amount each brother thinks he will be able to raise for this object during the ensuing year.

The roll was accordingly called, and the brethren pledged themselves to endeavor to raise the following sums:

Rev. M. Wachter,	$25	Rev. C. Weyl,	$20
" Dr. Morris,	50	" W. Hunt,	25
" S. W. Harkey,	100	" J. Heck,	50
" D. J. Hauer,	30	" D. F. Bittle,	100
" S. Sentman,	100	" J. A. Seiss,	25
" J. J. Reimensnyder,	50	" G. H. Brandau,	10
" F. W. Conrad,	100	" J. P. Smeltzer,	10
" Dr. Baugher,	50		
" C. Lepley,	20		$765

Home Missions.

The subject of Home Missions was then taken up, and the President's Address so far as related to it was read, as also the report of Dr. Morris, Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the cause of Home Missions has strong and urgent claims upon us, and that we will continue to give it our prayers and vigorous support.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice and bless God for what our Home Missionary Society has been enabled to accomplish, and that it be made the duty of every congregation to make some contribution to its funds annually.

Foreign Missions.

The subject of Foreign Missions was then taken up, the President's report respecting it read, and the following proceeding was had.

Resolved, That this Synod will make efforts to raise a sufficient amount this year to sustain brother Martz in India, and that our Sabbath schools be encouraged to aid in this work.

Vacant Congregations.

Committee No. 10 reported:

The committee entrusted with the letter of the Murley's Branch church report, that this congregation respectfully and earnestly requests the Synod to send them a Missionary as soon as possible to supply their spiritual wants. We recommend that their request be complied with, if a brother can be found willing to serve them.

M. WACHTER,
S. D. FINKLE,
M. L. STOEVER.

The report was accepted and adopted, when it was further

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod, together with the pastors in Alleghany county, be appointed a committee to endeavor to procure a supply for those people.

Several churches in Carrol county were reported vacant, and aid solicited in their behalf; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod, together with the pastors in Carrol county, be appointed a committee to endeavor to secure supplies for them.

A memorial from the Catonsville congregation was read to the Synod, whereupon it was

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with our German brethren in Catonsville, and recommend to our churches to assist them in their worthy endeavors.

The formation of a new pastoral district in the eastern part of Washington county, having been under consideration, it was

Resolved, That Revs. Bittle, Culler and Reimensnyder, be constituted a committee to confer with the St. John's and Mount Moriah congregations, and endeavor to procure a pastor for them.

The Synod now adjourned to meet again at 8½ o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Prayer by brother Heck.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

The Synod convened and was opened with prayer by brother Brandau.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Promiscuous Business.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be authorized and instructed to prepare a brief pastoral address to the churches to be appended to the minutes, and that they urge particularly the claims of the benevolent operations of the church upon our people.

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted for one year at the last annual convention of the Synod, be adopted for another year.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the election of the Rev. Dr. Demme, to the second professorship in the Seminary at Gettysburg, and hereby express our hope that he will find it consistent with his duty to accept of it.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to examine the new Liturgy and recommend improvements, if necessary, as desired by the General Synod, be continued for another year; and that they have permission in the mean time to present their report of alterations and amendments to the General Synod.

Dr. Kurtz presented the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted:

Whereas, we frequently hear of members of our church who send their children to Roman Catholic boarding schools, where they are entirely deprived of the evangelical means of grace, and are obliged to attend upon papistical service, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod deem such conduct on the part of any Protestant family, whether church-members or not, as highly injudicious, fraught with great danger to their children, and utterly inconsistent with every principle of Protestantism.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod deem such conduct in church-members, whose children have been dedicated to God in baptism, as a violation of their vows made in that ordinance, and a great hindrance to the training up of their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all ministers in our connection, where such a practice exists, to present this subject from the pulpit, and in other suitable ways to admonish those who offend.

The Rev. D. F. Bittle, presented the following preamble and resolutions which were also adopted.

Whereas, the great importance of Female Education is beginning to awaken the especial attention of the church, and we believe the superior intelligence of the daughters of christian families is identified with the prosperity of Christ's kingdom, in consequence of the part which females are capable of taking in the movements and benevolent enterprizes of the church; and whereas, the Synod of Maryland has in its connection a large part of the christian population of this State, and has no institution in which its daughters can receive a superior education under the immediate care of their own church; and whereas, we think the time has now arrived when immediate action is called for upon this subject; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod now take the matter into consideration, and that a committee of nine gentlemen, four ministers and five laymen, be appointed to devise a plan by which the sum of $20,000 can be raised forthwith to be invested in the establishment of a Female Seminary within the bounds of this Synod, in any location that the stockholders may deem the most advantageous, to be conducted under the supervision of the Synod of Maryland.

2. *Resolved*, That the school be commenced as soon as $10,000 are subscribed and $5,000 are paid in.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 1½ o'clock in the afternoon.

Prayer by brother Harkey.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1½ *o'clock.*

The Synod convened and was opened with prayer by brother Startzman.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The President announced the following as the committee on the Female Seminary:

Clergymen.	*Laymen.*
Rev. D. F. Bittle,	Mr. Jacob K. Harry,
" J. G. Morris, D. D.,	" George Slothour,
" S. W. Harkey,	" Andrew Hoggmire,
" J. A. Seiss,	" Samuel G. Harbaugh,
	" Lewis C. Coppersmith.

Several committees then reported.

Committee for Printing Memorials.

The committee appointed to superintend the printing of memorials for the modification of the marriage law, beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty, and that the memorials are ready for distribution.

J. J. REIMENSNYDER,
F. W. CONRAD.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the Lutheran Pastor's Fund.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this Synod, to "inquire into the nature and object of the Lutheran Pastor's Fund, and the conditions upon which persons become entitled to its benefactions," would respectfully state that they have had the subject under consideration; but for want of an important document they are unable to prepare a satisfactory report. We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and move that it be made the duty of our delegates to the next General Synod to give it their special attention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. HARKEY,
S. SENTMAN,
F. W. CONRAD.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Delegates to the General Synod.

An election being held, the following brethren were chosen to represent the Synod of Maryland in the next Convention of the General Synod to convene at Charleston, South Carolina.

CLERICAL.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. Dr. Morris,	Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder,
" F. W. Conrad,	" D. F. Bittle,
" S. Sentman,	" J. Heck,
" J. A. Seiss,	" C. Culler.

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Principals.	*Alternates.*
Prof. M. L. Stoever,	Mr. George Shryock,
Mr. M. M. Yeakle,	" Joseph Eichelberger,
" Wm. Hawkin,	" A. M. L. Bush,
" D. A. Buehler,	" Frederick Bell.

Delegates to Sister Synods.

The Synod of Virginia,	Rev. C. Startzman,
" " West Pennsylvania,	" Dr. Kurtz,
" " East Pennsylvania,	" F. W. Conrad,
" " Pennsylvania,	" C. Weyl,
" " Alleghany,	" J. A. Seiss.

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Synod be requested to call the attention of that body to the necessity of devising a plan or means by which all suitable young men, such as pious schoolmasters, students, and candidates for the ministry coming from Germany, could be prepared for the service of our American Lutheran church.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by the Rev. F. W. Conrad, and adopted:

Whereas, it is of the highest importance to the good of society and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, that the immense and still increasing population of the great West, should be supplied with an able and faithful ministry; and whereas such a ministry can only be supplied by furnishing their own sons with the best facilities for acquiring a literary and theological education; and whereas it is not to be expected, that this population shall at once take such an interest in this matter as to supply this want, or that they will be able to do all that is required; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we hail with joy and gratulation the organization of the "Society for the promotion of Literary and Th logical Education in the West," and that we deem the same as a timely and wise organization, calculated to do much in elevating and evangelizing society in the West.

2. *Resolved*, That in our opinion, the literary and political, a well as the social and moral wants of society in the West dema nd

the aid of the East, and that we rejoice in the service which this society has already rendered in this respect.

3. *Resolved*, That we have heard with profound gratitude of the timely and efficient aid which it has rendered Wittenberg College, and hope that it may be able to continue the same.

4. *Resolved*, That we regard our institutions at Springfield, O., and at Hillsboro', Ill., as of great importance to the cause of Education and Religion among the Germans and their descendants in he West, and that we earnestly recommend the same to the fostering care of this Society.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the claims of this Society to the churches and pastors within our bounds.

On motion of Prof. Stoever, it was

Resolved, That at the opening of each Synod, *Standing Committees* be appointed on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Vacant Congregations, Minutes of Sister Synods, and all other subjects regularly claiming attention, and that all documents pertaining to these several subjects be always referred to their appropriate committees.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. D. F. Bittle, respecting the American Tract Society, were also adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod feels deeply interested in the operations of the American Tract Society, that we consider it an instrument of much good in the hands of God in promoting an active, devoted, and energetic piety, that we rejoice to know that this noble institution is actively engaged in supplying the spiritual wants of our foreign immigrants.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend this liberal institution to the prayers and patronage of all our churches.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have 500 copies of the minutes printed as usual, and 200 copies of an abstract of the same printed in the German language in an extra number of the "*Kirchenbote.*"

It was

Resolved, Furthermore, That duplicate copies of our proceedings be sent to every Lutheran Synod in the United States, and that the Secretary be requested to furnish a synopsis of the minutes to be published at the earliest convenience in the "*Lutheran Observer.*"

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The Synod now entered into an election for the place of the next meeting, which resulted in the choice of Washington city, D. C. The time fixed upon is Thursday evening preceding the third Sabbath in October, 1850.

Several brethren were then nominated and appointed to preach at the next annual convention, as follows:

Rev. Dr. Morris on Foreign Missions.

Rev. S. W. Harkey on Home Missions.

Rev. C. Culler on Beneficiary Education.

Rev. Dr. Kurtz the Ordination Sermon.

A resolution was then passed directing the President to tender the thanks of the Synod to the people of Hagerstown, for their kindness and hospitality during our brief sojourn among them.

On motion, the Synod now adjourned.

Prayer by the President.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Tuesday afternoon at 3½ o'clock, the ministerial brethren convened to attend to duties which the Sovereign Bishop in Heaven has imposed exclusively upon them.

The committee No. 12, appointed to examine candidates for licensure reported:

The committee appointed to examine Messrs. J. G. Butler, R. A. Fink, and Charles A. Brockman, candidates for the ministry, report: That as Mr. Brockman has not enjoyed the advantages of a learned education, he was examined mainly on personal piety, his acquaintance with God's word, the fundamental doctrines of christian theology and church discipline, and on all these subjects his examination was entirely satisfactory; in regard to a knowledge of the Bible and personal piety, we have rarely examined an applicant who afforded more satisfaction. We recommend that he be received as a member of this Synod for one year, under the restriction that he diligently prosecute his studies under the direction of some neighboring Lutheran ministers. This recommendation we in part base upon the exigency of the case, as the circumstances require that he should labor in the church which has called him as their pastor.

Messrs. Fink and Butler were examined so far as our limited opportunities allowed, on the several branches specified in our constitution, and we recommend that they be received as members of the Synod, with the understanding that they continue to prosecute their studies with diligence and fervent prayer.

B. KURTZ,
JOHN G. MORRIS,
H. L. BAUGHER,
D. F. BITTLE.

The report was received and adopted.

Committee No. 11 reported:

The undersigned, into whose hands the journal, sermons, and sketches of the Rev. J. P. Smeltzer were placed, begs leave to report, that the journal indicates diligence in the discharge of his duties. The sermons are well written, logical and natural in their arrangement, plain and nervous in their style, fervent and evangelical in their spirit, pointed and faithful in their ap-

plication, and practical and useful in their tendency. The sketches manifest a considerable acquaintance with homiletics, and give promise of proficiency in sermonizing. We propose the following:

Resolved, That brother Smeltzer be ordained this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. CONRAD,
H. L. BAUGHER,
J. J. REIMENSNYDER.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Brethren Kurtz, Wachter and Winter, were then appointed to assist the President in conducting the ceremonies of licensure and ordination.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five, consisting of Dr. Morris, Dr. Baugher, Dr. Kurtz, S. W. Harkey, and J. A. Seiss, be appointed to examine candidates for the ministry, and that these brethren agree among themselves upon the specific subjects on which they shall respectively conduct their examinations.

Revs. Weyl, Brandau and Dr. Kurtz, were also appointed a committee to attend to the installation of brother Brockman, at Catonsville.

The Ministerium now adjourned.

Prayer by brother Baugher.

The Ceremonies of Ordination and Licensure.

At night, the President preached the ordination sermon to a large and interested congregation, after which Mr. C. A. Brockman appeared at the altar and was licensed in the German language to perform all ministerial acts under the restrictions of the Constitution for the space of one year.

Messrs. R. A. Fink and J. G. Butler, then came forward, and having responded to the prescribed questions, were also licensed to perform the same acts, under the same restrictions, for the same length of time.

The Rev. J. P. Smeltzer then appeared at the altar, and having assumed the solemn vows of a minister of Jesus Christ, was ordained, by the laying on of hands, and by prayer, to the holy ministerial office.

Religious Exercises during the Synod.

On Thursday evening, October the 18th, Dr. Kurtz preached the Synodical sermon from 1 Cor. i. 23.

On Friday evening, brother S. W. Harkey preached from Isaiah lii. 1.

On Saturday morning, Dr. Baugher preached from Revelation ii. 10.

On Saturday evening, brother C. H. Ewing preached a sermon on *Foreign Missions*, founded on parts of the 23d Psalm.

Sabbath morning.—Dr. Morris preached in the Lutheran church from Romans viii. 35—39: "*The fears of believers groundless.*" In the Presbyterian church, Dr. Baugher preached from Phil. iii. 19. In the Methodist Episcopal church, the Secretary preached from 1 Peter i. 3, 4: "*Christian Hope.*" In the German Reformed church, brother S. W. Harkey preached from Prov. xxii. 6.

Sabbath afternoon.—Dr. Morris preached in the Presbyterian church, from 1 Kings xix. 11, 12: "*The still small voice.*" And in the Lutheran church, brethren Anstatt and Fink addressed the Sabbath school.

Sabbath night.—The Secretary preached a sermon in the Lutheran church on *Home Missions*, founded on Luke xxiv. 46, 47. In the German Reformed church, brother D. F. Bittle preached: "*The character of Christ.*" In the Methodist Episcopal church, brother C. H. Ewing preached from 2 Cor. vi. 18.

The holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on Sabbath morning in the Lutheran church, where hundreds united with the members of the Synod in commemorating the love and passion of our once crucified Lord and Redeemer.

On Monday morning, brother J. G. Butler preached from Lamentations of Jeremiah iii. 24.

On Monday night, brother D. F. Bittle preached on *Beneficiary Education.*

On Tuesday morning, brother Anstatt preached from 1 Cor. vii. 31.

On Tuesday night, brother S. Sentman preached from Colossians iv. 17.

Thus did God's servants scatter the precious seed of the divine word. And it is confidently hoped that, under the providential care and direction of Him who sends down the rain and the snow from heaven to make the earth bring forth and bud, it will not be void of efficacy, but prosper in the thing whereto it was sent.

Attest, **JOSEPH AUGUSTUS SEISS,**
Secretary of the Synod of Maryland.

APPENDIX A.

Directors to the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

Names.	When elected.	For what term.	Time expires.
Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D.,	1848,	5 years,	1853.
" S. W. Harkey,	1845,	"	1850.
" F. W. Conrad,	1845,	"	1850.
" John Heck,	1846,	"	1851.
Dr. D. Gilbert,	1848,	"	1853.
" Eichelberger,	1848,	"	1853.

APPENDIX B.

A PASTORAL ADDRESS

From the Officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland to the Ministers and Members of the Churches connected with the body over which they preside.*

Dearly beloved Brethren:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice and give praise to God, that we can number you among those, who, by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Redeemer, have been begotten unto newness of life and the hope of a blissful immortality. We address you, if possible, to encourage and confirm you in your adherence to the gospel of the Son of God, and more fully to enlist your sympathies and assistance in the great work of bringing others to embrace the same heavenly word, and to rejoice in the same divine consolations. We have learned of your faith and love, and rejoiced; and desire that you may not grow weary in well-doing. As you believe in the triune, sovereign, eternal, omnipotent, and omnipresent God, we pray you be careful to have no other gods before Him. As you believe in one Divine Mediator who was made flesh and was crucified for the sins of mankind, and who is now exalted in heaven to give repentance and forgiveness to all who devoutly seek his grace; we earnestly entreat of you to discard every other foundation and never to hold fellowship with such as teach any other gospel. And as ye look for a future and eternal resting place in the heavens; we affectionately urge upon you to be faithful until death, assured in that event that you shall receive the crown of life.

*It is intended that this Address be read by the brethren from their different pulpits at some of their regular appointments, and accompanied with such additional remarks as may serve to impress it more deeply on the minds and hearts of our people.

But we also desire to stir up your minds by way of remembrance, that while you have learned the way of truth and salvation, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, there are multitudes of our fellow men who are entire strangers to all these things. There are now living *about eight hundred millions of people*, all blood of our blood, who have never learned to worship our God, to believe in our Savior, or to look for a home in our heaven! As part of a fallen race, these people are all sinners whilst they know nothing of the only way of salvation. They are without God, and as a necessary consequence, without hope in the world. Together with all the rest of earth's guilty families, they have lost the primitive revelations—changed the glory of the incorruptible God into debased images—and in the vain imaginings of their foolish hearts worship and serve the creature more than the ever blessed Creator. They are exposed to the fierce wrath of the Almighty from which no charity for their self-originated weakness and destitution can screen them. They are totally unfit for heaven, and naught but the preaching of Christ and him crucified can save them. And as these unfortunate people are a part of that fallen world which our Savior died to redeem, they certainly deserve our commisseration. Our obligation to extend to them the gospel is indisputable. The last command of our ascending Lord enjoins upon us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And this command is enforced by his own example—by the example of his apostles—by the example of the most eminent christians of past and present times—by the mutual relations which we sustain in the great social compact—by the predictions of the inspired prophets—by the rules of charity which abound in the New Testament—by the spirit of our prayers—and by all the native impulses of the regenerated soul. We desire that you may properly feel the force of this our mutual obligation; that you pray more fervently for the conversion of the heathen; and that you contribute more liberally of your substance for that purpose. It is important that we should double, and twice double the number of our missionaries in the foreign field; but this is impossible without your vigorous co-operation.

There is also a spiritual destitution in our own country, among our own fellow citizens, to which we earnestly implore your charitable attention. For the twenty-two millions who now constitute

the population of the United States, there are not more than twelve thousand actual evangelical pastors to minister to them in holy things—one for about every nineteen hundred souls! For the two millions of Lutheran population this side of the Atlantic ocean, there are not more than eight hundred actual pastors—one for every twenty-five hundred souls! And when we consider that one-half of these are confined in their labors to about five hundred souls each, we have the lamentable picture of four hundred preachers for one million and eight hundred thousand people—one for every forty-five hundred souls! And as God has made it our imperative duty to provide for our own, and especially for them who are of our own household, what a mighty work is here thrown upon our hands! We have at present between twenty and thirty home missionaries in the field, but two hundred would not be enough to furnish adequate supplies to our scattered and perishing people. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. We accordingly make our appeal to the churches, and urge upon you with all earnestness the high command of our Redeemer. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest.

Ministers of God—watchmen on Zion's walls—we implore of you to be more diligent to seek out and persuade young men of piety and promise to become heralds of salvation. Point their attention to the perishing millions who are stretching out their hands to us for help. And when you find a young David coming forward to volunteer to fight the battles of Jehovah, be careful to encourage his heart, and lend your hands to open his way.

Parents, as ye love God and long for the fulness of His kingdom, we beseech you to take your sons, though yet in their cradles, and to consecrate them to His service in the ministry. God gave his *only Son* for our redemption, and you may measurably resemble God by giving your children as messengers of salvation to the dying multitudes. With such offerings the Lord is well pleased, and they shall be accepted as treasures above the price of gems or gold.

Young men, your God hath need of you. His Providence points to His vineyard and says, why stand ye here all the day idle! There is demand for your services, and we conjure you to consider

well whether it is not your duty to become preachers of the divine word.

Brethren of wealth and fortune, your help is also needed. As God often moves men to seek the ministry who are poor in the things of this world, it becomes the duty of the church to furnish them the requisite assistance during the course of that preparatory training so indispensable to make them efficient laborers in the word. Such assistance you can give; and as ye hope for treasures where rust and thieves come not, we beseech you not to withhold it.

Finally, we entreat of all, young and old, ministers and members, rich and poor, to be earnest in prayer, and persevering in effort, for that glorious consummation, when the heathen shall be given to the Son of God for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

And now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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